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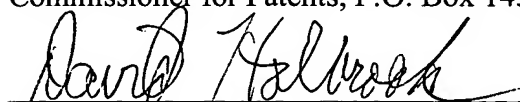
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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David Holbrook

Sir:

The applicant would like to thank the examiner for pointing out the informalities in my application. I have amended my claims to correct these informalities and to clarify a syntactic confusion. The amendments have not been made for reasons of patentability.

Additionally I have amended the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS as directed by the examiner to add reference to a patent that issued after filing.

Finally, as pointed out by the examiner my ABSTRACT as filed did not meet patent office specifications. An amended ABSTRACT is therefore provided herein.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

Please amend section as indicated:

(Amended) This non-provisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/424,763, filed on November 12, 2002, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/147,149, filed on May 16, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,646,727, which has been assigned to an assignee common with the present application.